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Country	United States

Project Description

The Indian Health Service (IHS) mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. The Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program within Indian Health Service has the responsibility to identify and address open dumps of household trash and other solid wastes on American Indian and Alaska Native lands. Open dumps are sites where wastes are disposed of that do not meet the regulatory requirements of a sanitary landfill and there are over 3,200 open dumps in need of action on American Indian and Alaska Native lands. Additional information on the health impacts of open dumps on American Indian and Alaska Native communities and individuals would help IHS better address open dump issues. This Virtual Student Federal Service intern project involves performing a literature review of health effects of open dumps, evaluating the health risks associated with living near open dumps, and making recommendations for development of a model.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Data analysis
Research

Additional Information

For more information on the Indian Health Service go to www.ihs.gov.

Language Requirements

None